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- 001 Absorber shall mean a hard surface that:
 - 001.01 Is exposed to the rays of the sun admitted through a solar collection area;
 - 001.02 Converts solar radiation into heat; and
 - 001.03 Transfers heat to a storage mass.
- <u>002</u> Builder shall mean a person who is in the trade or business of building residential units and has a proprietary interest in the residential unit built.
- 003 Habitable floor space shall mean the sum of the floor areas of the living spaces of the residential unit which are heated and/or cooled for human comfort. Basement areas shall be included when the basement temperature is to be maintained at no less than 60° F during the winter.
- 004 Heat distribution system method shall mean:
 - 004.01 The release of radiant heat from a storage mass within the habitable areas of the structure; or
 - 004.02 Convective heating from a storage mass, through airflow paths provided by openings or by ducts, in the storage mass, with or without the assistance of a fan or pump, having a horsepower rating of less than one horsepower, to habitable areas of a structure.
- 005 Heat regulation device shall mean:
 - 005.01 Shading or venting mechanisms to control the amount of solar heat admitted through solar collection areas; and

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- 007.01 Have an average ceiling thermal transmittance of not more than .033 Btu/ft²/hour/degree F (R-30, minimum)
- 007.02 Have an average opaque wall thermal transmittance not greater than .071 Btu/ft²/hour/degree F (R-14, minimum) and south window thermal transmittance not greater than 0.56 Btu/ft²/ hour/degree F (double glazing, minimum);
- 007.03 Have a window area not exceeding 15% of the total exterior wall area except that the solar collection area shall not be considered part of the area of the windows.
- 008 Solar collection area shall mean an expanse of transparent or translucent material that:
 - 008.01 Is located on that side of the structure which faces true south, plus or minus thirty degrees; and
 - 008.02 Is positioned in such a manner that the rays of the sun directly strike an absorber.
- 009 Storage mass shall mean addense, heavy material that:
 - 009.01 Receives and holds heat from an absorber and later releases the heat to the interior of the structure;
 - <u>009.02</u> Is of sufficient volume, depth, and thermal energy capacity to store and deliver adequate amounts of solar heat for the structure in which it is incorporated;
 - 009.03 Is located so that it is capable of distributing the stored heat directly to the habitable areas of the structure through a heat distribution method;
 - 009.04 Has an area of directly irradiated material equal to or greater than the solar collection area; and
 - 009.05 Has a heat capacity of at least 24 Btu/degree F/ft3.